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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicant(s) in the above-identified application hereby petition(s) for a two-month extension of time to and including September 23, 2002, (September 22, being a Sunday) for responding to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002 (Paper No. 11). An RCE Request and an Amendment in response to the Office Action accompany this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed herewith. [X]

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing [X] No. 210059.0286) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

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